

**Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, February 17, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.
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TO MRS. JACKSON.

Fort Strother, February 17, 1814. "all asleep."

My Love . I have inclosed to general Coffee a copy of a letter recd. this night from major Genl Pinckney, with a request that he send on the copy to you. I have sent the letters to Mr John Hutchings with a request that he deliver them to Genl Coffee and you. from the Rascally, lying conduct of many men, in my absence, who have basely deserted the standard of their country at a time when their services were most wanted, and left me with a few faithfull followers to be buried in the creek country, and their frontiers to be drenched in the blood of their wives and children, these cowardly fellows I learn have, [been] endeavouring to throw a shade over my charector. It is in vain for such cowardly rascals to try to injure a virtuous man. But under those circumstances I know it will be grat[ifying] to you to learn that I have done my duty and meet the reward due to a faithfull soldier, the approbation of his superiors. I send the letter. I have to request as soon as you can you will send the one I sent some time since from the secratary of war and this from major general Pinckney to major William B. Lewis. I have said to him in a letter of this date you would send them to him. I am affectionately your Husband